



Minutes – ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 9, 2026, 4:03 P.M.

XWSEPSUM NATION ROOM, CITY HALL, 1 CENTENNIAL SQUARE

The City of Victoria is located on the homelands of the Songhees Nation and the Xwsepsum Nation.

Meeting conducted electronically via Zoom and in-person

PRESENT: S. Jennings (Chair) S. Hough (Vice Chair), T. Pokorny

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ELECTRONICALLY: N. Moss, D. Monsour, PK. Kalihariom

ABSENT: C. Paisley, D. Arafeh, C. Marks

STAFF: A. Galiev - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Lead, M. Moore - Lived Experience Consultant, Office of Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, M. Haden- Legislative Coordinator,

GUESTS: Tanyss Knowles – Senior Planner, Social Policy, Zara Chaudry – CREAN

A. Call to Order

Called to order at 4:03 p.m.

B. Land Acknowledgement

A committee member acknowledged that the committee is meeting from Lekwungen and W̱SÁNEĆ territory, noting that it is important to be mindful of this, especially when conducting accessibility work.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved and Seconded:

The agenda be approved with the addition of an update from the Michael Moore, Lived Experience Consultant.

Carried by unanimous consent

D. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

Moved and Seconded:

That the minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on May 12, 2026 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

E. Welcome and Remarks from the Chair

The Chair provided an update based on an experience with a van blocking the sidewalk, hindering wheelchair accessibility.

F. NEW BUSINESS

F.1 Age – friendly needs assessment – facilitated by Zara Chaudhry (CREAN)

Zara Chaudry from CREAN provided an update on the age-friendly needs project.

Committee provided feedback on a series of focus-group questions related to the project and accessibility, including:

- *Accessibility in sidewalks, parks, and outdoor spaces*
- *Intersections of homelessness, poverty, and accessibility*
- *Personal accounts of barriers related to housing and income*

F.2 Chair and Vice Chair updates - Suzan Jennings and Sandra Hough

The Chair provided an update, including reporting back on a proclamation from Victoria's Mayor given during National Accessibility Week.

F.3 National AccessAbility Week 2026 event successes debrief – all

Committee discussed the following:

- *Opportunities for Q&A at future events*
- *Appreciation for people who made the event happen*
- *Ways to improve accessibility for people with neurodiverse or sensory needs*

F.4 Community Roundtable

Moved and Seconded:

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommends that council establish the Accessibility Advisory Committee as a permanent advisory committee continuing beyond the term of council in recognition of the city's ongoing responsibility under the Accessible BC Act and the committee's role in supporting the identifying, removal and prevention of accessibility barriers.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee discussed the following:

- *Presenting to Council on the value of AAC*
- *Upcoming meeting with Councillor Kim*

Michael Moore, Lived Experience Consultant, provided an update on the early stages of a project on dementia inclusion, and a comment on a theft recently committed against a blind person at Crystal Pool, with a lack of police response.

G. Next Meeting Agenda & Date – July 14, 2026

H. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and Seconded:

That the Committee meeting be adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Carried by unanimous consent